Feasibility Report on Widening of NH-45

2716. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU:

SHRI V. P. DURAISAMY :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether M/s L. R. Kadiyali Associates, New Delhi furnished a proposal containing feasibility report and detailed project report in respect of cement concreting of Km 0/0-11/7 (Phase-I) and widening to six laning and cement concreting of Km 11.7-27/8 (phase-II) of National Highway 45 in Chennai city;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry has given approval to this project; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), who have been entrusted with work of development and maintenance of NH-45, are maintaining short links of NH-45 passing through Chennai city in traffic worthy condition until the completion of Chennai bypass. Hence, the major improvement works like cement concreting the reach in Km. 0/0-27/8 of NH-45 could not be considered by the NHAI.

Declaration of Ramanathapuram—Tuticorin Highway as National Highway

2717. SHRI V.P. DURAISAMY :

SHRI C. P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to declare Ramanathapuram to Tuticorin Highway via Sayalkudi as a new National Highway;

(b) whether the State Government of Tamil Nadu sent any proposal to this effect in June, 1999;

(c) if so, what is the reaction of the Ministry; and

(d) the reasons for not declaring the above road as National Highway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Due to constraint of resources and *inter-se* priority, it has been decided not to consider declaration of any more new national highway for the time being.

Conversion of Stateway No. 24 as a National Highway in Gujarat

2718. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the proposal of the State Government of Gujarat for conversion of the State Highway No. 24 joining Rajkot-Morvi NH 8A and 8B and to extend up to Navlakhi port (109 Kms.) into National Highway is under consideration of the Central Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the said highway will be declared as a National Highway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Sanctioning of Road and Bridge Projects in Punjab

2719. SHRI LAJPAT RAI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are planning to sanction the important roads and bridges projects and proposed by government of Punjab under E&D programme; and

(b) if so, by when these projects will be sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN) : (a) No, Sir. However the correct name of the programme is E. and I.

(b) Does not arise.

Maintenance of Roads in Punjab

2720. SHRI LAJPAT RAI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the additional roads requested to be declared strategic roads by the State Government of Punjab have been so declared by the Central Government; if not, by when these roads would be declared as strategic roads; and